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TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN GURGAON
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections in Gurgaon city as on March 31, 2002, March 31, 2004;

(b) whether consumers have preferred the telephone connections of the private companies;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the profit earned by BSNL, Gurgaon, during the last three years;

(e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rent from Rs 250/- PM to Rs. 100/- PM so as to compete with private companies and cellular companies; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFROMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, working connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) in Gurgoan are given below:-

	Entire Gurgoan City	Secondary Switching Area (SSA)
As on 31.3.2002	1,12,975	93,176
As on 31.3.2003	1,15,734	94,334
As on 31.3.2004	1,17,255	90,487

(b) & (c) Some customers have taken connections from private operators, perhaps for commercial compulsions and redundancy. However, as seen from the table above, BSNL telephone connections in Gurgaon Secondary Switching area (SSA) have increased during the last three years.

(d) The profit calculations are done at Haryana Telecom Circle level for all of their SSAs (which includes Gurgaon) however revenue & expenditure figures for Gurgaon SSA during last 3 years are as under:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Revenue	Working Expenditure	Capital Expenditure
2001-2002	16169.7	1365.4	4398.3
2002-2003	14854.1	2205.4	4184.6
2003-2004	15489.1	2758.6	2432.1

(e) & (f) Presently, there is no such proposal as BSNL already offers many customer-friendly packages to suit varied calling patterns.